

HOLD AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

SEEK TO ACQUAINT GENERAL PUBLIC WITH GREAT WORK SCHOOLS ARE DOING.

Lansing, Mich., Nov. 7.—Michigan's state department of public instruction is rapidly developing into a free bureau of education for every meritorious organized movement in the state, as well as for the public school system of the state. It's policy includes taking the initiative in everything that demands an educational program. This is being done through the schools and also by its active participation in all civic and welfare activities.

The latest of these is "American Education Week," which is slated for December 4 to 10. The purpose of this week's special work in schools throughout the state is to acquaint not alone the school children, but the general public, with the great work which the schools are actually doing. The week will be observed throughout the United States, primarily under the auspices of the American Legion and the National Education Association. The state department of public instruction is urging Michigan to take an active part in the week's program.

Thomas E. Johnson, state superintendent of public instruction, in a communication addressed to all the teachers and community leaders, suggests that a general committee be organized in each locality to make this week of paramount value.

"Have the churches, the women's clubs, the luncheon clubs and other organizations observe the week," says Supt. Johnson. "Make it an event in your community life."

The program to be carried out in the schools and by community organizations, is outlined as follows: Monday—"Our Flag"; Tuesday—"American Ideals"; Wednesday—"Our Language"; Thursday—"Immigration"; Friday—"Naturalization."

Although Michigan has been making big strides in the betterment of its educational system and facilities for that work, still it is pointed out that an emergency exists in education. This state now has a 36 week school year in all the rural as well as city and village schools. That, together with provisions for professional training of teachers, were included in the work of the 1921 legislature. In fact more legislation for the advancement of education was enacted in 1921 than was passed on the statute books of this state in a decade.

"Our schools must continue to be the great Americanizing agencies," says Supt. Johnson in his communication on American Education Week. "They must have suitable housing and other facilities and most important of all they must have adequate teaching staffs. We are beginning to pay our teachers and we must see that they are well trained."

"English is the language of our schools. Our flag is daily displayed in our schools. Our people have done much for education but they must be brought to a realization of all the educational needs of Michigan. They must understand the good work their schools are doing."

Tractor Operators To Study at M. A. C.

East Lansing, Nov. 10.—Truck and Tractor operators on Michigan farms will study correct methods of handling their machines at a special short course which opens at the Michigan Agricultural College on November 28. The school, which is to run for one month, will be the first of four similar ones to be held at M. A. C. during the winter.

"The farm operator of trucks and tractors must be thoroughly trained if he would handle his machines economically and efficiently," says H. H. Musselman, Professor of Farm Mechanics at the college. "It is just as important for him to give his gas power thorough attention as it is for him to take care of his horses."

Ability to make adjustments and all ordinary repairs will be one of the results of the work of the school. All practical phases of operation will be studied, farm conditions and experience governing the outlining of the course. Stationary engines, ignition systems, and shop work will be included in the schedule, in addition to trucks and tractors proper.

Numerous other special farm courses are included in the Winter Short Course program at M. A. C. A two weeks Cow Testing and Dairy Barn Management course opens December 5, while courses in general agriculture, horticulture, poultry, farm business, and dairy production and manufactures start early in January. One four weeks Poultry Husbandry Course opens Nov. 28.

Local Happenings Tersely Told

Watch for "The Old Nest," advertisement

Buy Butterfat Bread because it's the best.—16-1f

You will find the best bread in Butter Cup wrappers. 02-1f

Oswald Kirker spent the week end at his home in Detroit.

"What Every Woman Knows"—What is it?—advertisement

Get your auto license plates of Sharrar & Watson, Alma, Mich. 78-1f

Buy your letter paper by the pound at The Record office.—advertisement

Dr. E. G. Shuyter, osteopathic physician, State Savings Bank Building, Alma, both phones. 57-1f

Sell your raw furs to E. B. Borman and get the highest market price.—advertisement

Bargains Friday and Saturday! St. Johns Rummage Sale at Edison Moore building on State street.—advertisement

Tanlac now has the largest sale of any medicine in the world. There is a reason. Look-Paterson Drug Co.—advertisement

St. Alma Shrine No. 25, W. S. of J. will hold its regular meeting Tuesday evening, November 15. Meeting will be called promptly at 7 o'clock.

Troop C 100th Cavalry, Michigan National Guard will go to Vestaburg Friday, where it will take part in the Armistice day celebration to be held in that village.

Will be pleased to figure on your plumbing and heating needs. Large stock of fixtures at special prices. Telephone 411. Shop, 819 Woodward.—advertisement 1f

F. L. Delavan, local co-operating weather observer, reported that Alma's first snow storm of the season saw 6 3/4 inches of snowfall. The total amount of precipitation was .65 inches.

Professor Roy Hamilton of Alma College, who attended the inauguration of the new president of Lake Forest College at Lake Forest, Ill., the latter part of last week, has returned to his home in Alma.

Mrs. F. H. May was very pleasantly surprised Monday, November 7, when a number of her friends called at her home to remind her of her 70th birthday. The afternoon was passed with visiting and music. A luncheon was served.

President H. M. Crooks was in the upper peninsula of Michigan the latter part of last week promoting the Alma College endowment campaign in that region. The endowment campaign north of the straits was held up last spring until this fall.

Bishop Blake of Paris, France, who has returned to this country to attend the international convention to be held at Detroit, will arrive in Alma Saturday and will preach at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning, according to announcement made this morning by Rev. Duffey, pastor of this church.

Charles Greaser was among the students at the University of Michigan, who were recently honored by degrees, the Alma young man receiving the degree of Master of Science. He was also honored with the appointment to the recently established Edwin Hinsdale fellowship in Zoology. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Greaser of this city.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL THIS MONTH

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ated with the American Red Cross and subject to call in emergency. In addition to the nurses enrolled in the Red Cross for Government Service, the Red Cross itself employed a total of 1,348 public health nurses in the United States and in Europe. Gratiot County has not been lagging behind in this most important matter of community health. The County Chapter has secured the services of Miss Ackerman as Red Cross nurse, a woman of large training and long experience, a conscientious worker and perfectly reliable. Miss Ackerman is already getting a firm hold on the health situation in the county and her influence is being very visibly felt throughout Gratiot. Her work is almost exclusively among the country schools, for although Miss Ackerman lives in Ithaca, the County seat, her work is entirely devoted to the health interests of the whole county.

The American Red Cross trained 147 blinded ex-service men at the Red Cross Institute for the blind near Baltimore, during the fiscal year 1920-21.

Forty-three disasters, resulting in the death in the United States of 850 persons and the injury of 2,500 called for emergency relief measures, and the expenditure of \$1,871,000 by the American Red Cross during the past year. These disasters caused property damage estimated at \$20,000,000, affected sixty-seven communities and rendered 65,000 families homeless.

The work of the Red Cross has been great in America, but it has not been confined to this country alone, for other countries have been and are now in great distress and pleading aid. To help overcome conditions of acute distress in five famine stricken provinces of Northern China, where millions of persons were affected by an unprecedented shortage of food, the American Red Cross during the last fiscal year spent more than \$1,200,000, \$1,000,000 of which was contributed directly by National Headquarters and the remainder by various groups interested in the welfare of China. Through the wide relief operations thus made possible it is estimated that more than 600,000 famine sufferers were saved from starvation.

Medical care and clothing for thousands of children in Central and Eastern Europe are outlined as the activities of the American Red Cross in Europe for the coming year, says a statement on the eve of the Annual Red Cross call of the organization. These activities, supplemented to the feeding operations of the European Relief Council of which Herbert Hoover is chairman, are designed to provide the most adequate and balanced relief within the resources of private philanthropy. Food, clothing and medical relief costing \$700,000 has been provided by the American Red Cross for the thousands of Russian refugees stranded last year in Constantinople and vicinity.

Fifty cents of every membership dollar is retained in the Gratiot County Chapter treasury to carry on the county relief and home service work, and to provide the necessary funds to continue the work of the public health nurse in the county.

It is desired to make it clear to all, that this money is expended only for the county interests and under the direction of the Lake Division Headquarters under whose supervision we work. The County Chapter is under strict orders to the Lake Division Headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, and must answer to them for everything done in the county under the name of the Red Cross.

All boost for the Red Cross and remember that every dollar in membership greatly helps in the successful prosecution of the wonderful work of the National Red Cross in the times of peace.

THE CARES FOR 20,000 ORPHANS IN NEAR EAST

Miss Fanny Strowger, Near East Relief orphanage manager at Alexandropol, writes national headquarters of the organization at New York as follows, from Kazache Post, Alexandropol, on the northeast border of Armenia:

"As you see by the top of the letter, I am at the Kazache Post Orphanage. We are busy as bees. The trip from Tiflis was beautiful. The mountain sides were one mass of flowers of almost every variety. The box-car in which we made the trip to Alexandropol was comfortable and we had such a fine family. We took turns in cooking the meals. At Batoum (eastern end of the Black Sea) we added a dog to the outfit. He proved his worth as a watch dog in watching our baggage.

"The train from Tiflis was long, long and heavy—pushed and pulled by three engines. People clung to the outside wherever there was a place to stick. Tiflis was very warm (in June), but here it is cool. Our post is on a great plain with plenty of room and fresh air for our 20,000 children. I have nineteen buildings full of children. They have had no fats to eat since last November, and they blister badly in the sun. Part of the day they must remain inside. I love the work, but there is much to do."

MICHIGAN SENATORS URGE NEAR EAST RELIEF CAUSE

In recent letters to Near East Relief workers, U. S. Senators Truman H. Newberry and Charles E. Townsend express their earnest desire to cooperate in any way possible to aid the suffering people of Armenia and the Near East.

The importance of this great work of the Near East Relief now being carried on in every state in the union, is known especially by national officials through reports made to the government of appalling conditions of starvation in Near Eastern countries by Near East Relief and also by agencies of the government itself.

KANSAS FAST; MICHIGAN FASTER

From Kansas comes the report that ten carloads of flour are being milled and will leave Wichita next week for New Orleans, from which port they will be shipped by steamer direct to Constantinople to help feed the starving millions in Armenia and other Near East countries.

Michigan wheat and corn flour is being shipped to the Atlantic seaboard over the Grand Trunk Railway, free of charge. Owing to the shorter haul it will reach the Near East much more quickly than the shipments going by way of the Gulf. The first Michigan grain that was shipped will be feeding the hungry in less than thirty days.

GOVERNORS BACK GRAIN PLEA

Governor A. A. Taylor of Tennessee has just accepted honorary membership on the State Agricultural Advisory Committee of Near East Relief. Governor Alex J. Groesbeck recently accepted honorary chairmanship of the Michigan Committee of Near East Relief and ex-officio membership on its Emergency Grain Board, which is asking the farmers of Michigan for 100,000 bushels of grain for starving people in Asia Minor, of whom 169,000 are being cared for by Near East Relief orphanages.

The little town of Edgerton, Minn., with a population of 700, sends a challenge to Michigan and America. Already Edgerton has contributed three cars of corn to Near East Relief for the starving children of Asia Minor, and it mounts the platform with an invitation to 100 other American towns of its size to do as much—or better.

Armenia—now starving—is the oldest Christian race.

Watch for "The Old Nest"—advertisement

PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN



The Handy Man is going to Lay Off fixing the Flyver to Help Out with the Noon Rush at the Imperial cafe. Then he's got a Roof to tar for Doc Smith, and tonight being Saturday, he will Hold Down the third chair in Bill Jones' barber shop. If he lived in a City, he'd get in a Jam with all the Unions.

Comparatively few persons, if the feeble minded and a large number of the insane are excepted, are entirely free from the tendency to bouts of more or less mental depression. The more intellectual portion of mankind is indeed more prone to this kind of mental malaise, or spiritual equivalent of sea sickness, than the less "briny" majority.

Melons were first extensively cultivated in France early in the Seventeenth century, but were known to the ancients from the commencement of our era. The Egyptians grew them. They are said to have been carried to America by Columbus, and to the Malay archipelago by the Portuguese.

"What Every Woman Knows"—What is it?—advertisement

Yes

it's toasted, of course. To seal in the flavor—



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2.65

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